

UNCLAS 201405Z FEB 07 CG MARCORSYSCOM QUANTICO VA CESS(UC)

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COMMARFORRES G3 (uc)
COMMARFORRES G4 (uc)
COMUSMARCENT G3 (MC)
COMMARFORPAC G3 (uc)
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COMMARFORCOM G3-5-7 (uc)
COMMARFORCOM G-4 (uc)
COMUSMARCENT G4 (MC)
COMMARFORPAC G4 (uc)

CC CG I MEF G-4 (uc)
CG II MEF (uc)
CG II MEF FWD (UC)
CG II MEF FWD G3 (UC)
CG II MEF FWD G4 (UC)
CG III MEF (uc)
CG III MEF G-3 (uc)
CG III MEF G-4 (uc)
CG 1ST MARDIV (uc)
CG 1ST MARDIV G-3 (uc)
CG 1ST MARDIV G-4 (uc)
CG 2ND MARDIV (uc)
CG 2ND MARDIV G3 (uc)
CG 2ND MARDIV G4 (uc)
CG 3RD MARDIV (uc)
CG 3RD MARDIV G-3 (uc)
CG 3RD MARDIV G-4 (uc)
CG 4TH MAR DIV (uc)
CG 4TH MAR DIV G3 (uc)
CG 4TH MAR DIV G4 (uc)
CG 1ST MAW (uc)
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CG 3D MLG G-4(uc)
CG 4TH MLG(uc)
CG 4TH MLG G3(uc)
CG 4TH MLG G4(uc)
CG TECOM QUANTICO VA(uc)
CG MARCORLOGCOM ALBANY GA(uc)
COMMARFORSOC G3(uc)
COMMARFORSOC G4(uc)
CG MARCORSYSCOM QUANTICO VA CESS(uc)
CMC WASHINGTON DC L LP(uc)
CMC WASHINGTON DC L LPC(uc)
CG I MEF(uc)
CG I MEF G-3(uc)
CMC WASHINGTON DC PPO(uc)
CMC WASHINGTON DC CDI(uc)
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SUBJ/FIELDING PLAN FOR THE MODULAR TACTICAL VEST (MTV)//

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REF/A/UUNS/CG MCCDC UUNS FOR IMPROVED OTV DTD 30 JAN 06//

REF/B/MSG/CG

MARCORSYSCOM/271357ZDEC06// REF/C/MSG/III MEF G-4/291516ZDEC06//

REF/D/MSG/I MEF G-4/291520ZDEC06// REF/E/MSG/COMUSMARCENT GR/221700ZDEC06// REF/F/MSG/COMUSMARCENT G-4/241959ZJAN07//

NARR/REF A ANNOUNCED THE NEED FOR AN IMPROVED OUTER TACTICAL VEST (OTV) .

REF B ANNOUNCED PPE FIELDING SCHEDULE CONF ON 8 JAN 07.

REF C IS III MEF G-4 CONCERNS IRT PRIORITY FIELDING FOR PPE.
REF D IS I MEF G-4 CONCERNS FOR FIELDING PRIORITY OF PPE ISO GWOT.
REF E IS COMUSMARCENT EQUIP LISTING FOR ALL PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR.
REF F IS A COORDINATED COMUSMARCENT/HQMC PP&O/MARCORSYSCOM PPE FIELDING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SUMMARY.//

GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS IS A COORDINATED COMUSMARCENT/HQMC/ PP&O, MARCORSYSCOM MSG. REFERENCE A ANNOUNCED THE REQUIREMENT FOR IMPROVING THE CURRENT OUTER TACTICAL VEST (OTV). TO ENSURE MARINES DEPLOYING ISO OF GWOT HAVE THE BEST PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE) AVAILABLE, REF B ANNOUNCED A FIELDING SCHEDULE CONF ON 8 JAN 07 IN QUANTICO, VA AND SOLICITED PPE SUPPLY SUPPORT CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE CONF. REF C AND D IDENTIFIED I MEF AND III MEF G-4 CONCERNS. CONF ATTENDEES REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATUS OF PPE FIELDING AND MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO FIELDING SCHEDULES AS NECESSARY TO BEST SUPPORT THE WARFIGHTER. CONF ATTENDEES FOCUSED ON EQUIPPING MARINES DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF OIF 06-08.1 AND 06-08.2. REF E AND F PROVIDED FURTHER GUIDANCE REGARDING REQUIRED PPE AND SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS.

2. INFORMATION.

2.A. BACKGROUND. THE OTV, WAS NOT DESIGNED - BUT IS BEING USED BY MARINES - TO CARRY SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT LOADS DURING MISSIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE OTV LACKS AN EFFICIENT STATE-OF-THE-ART LOAD-CARRYING CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY.

2.B. MODULAR TACTICAL VEST (MTV) DESCRIPTION. COMBAT OPERATIONS

HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS TO THE OTV.

THE MTV PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE OTV AND INCREASES

WARFIGHTING EFFECTIVENESS. MTV ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDE:

2.B.1. INCREASED CAPABILITY

2.B.1.A. QUICK RELEASE FOR EMERGENCY EGRESS AND MEDICAL ACCESS

2.B.1.B. INCREASED LOWER BACK AND KIDNEY AREA PROTECTION

2.B.1.C. IMPROVED LOAD CARRIAGE/WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

2.B.2. IMPROVED INTEGRATION

2.B.2.A. SIDE SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (SIDE-SAPI) CARRIER

2.B.2.B. INTERNAL PATHWAYS FOR COMMUNICATION WIRING AND CABLES 2.B.2.B.

ENHANCED SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (ESAPI)/SIDE-SAPI ADJUSTABILITY

2.B.3. DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS

2.B.3.1. SIDE OPENING FOR MEDICAL ACCESS

2.B.3.2. IMPROVED CLOSURES

2.B.3.3. ADJUSTABLE RIFLE BOLSTER TO IMPROVE STOCK WELD

2.B.3.4. IMPROVED COMFORT 3. FIELDING CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

3.A. DISCUSSION. CURRENT MTV DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF 60,000 MTVS BEGINS IN

FEB 07 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN SEPT 07. THE CURRENT PLAN IS TO FIELD

THE MTV TO UNITS IN CONUS AND OKINAWA AND HAWAII TO ALLOW MARINES

ADEQUATE TIME TO TRAIN IN THE MTV BEFORE DEPLOYING. THE MARCENT

APPROVED FIELDING PRIORITY WILL BE TO IRAQI TRANSITION TEAMS (ITT) AND

OEF EMBEDDED TRAINING TEAMS (ETT) DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF OIF 06-08.2.

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS (MEUs) WILL NOT BE ISSUED THE MTV UNLESS THEY HAVE RECEIVED AN EXECUTE ORDER (COMMITMENT TO MARCENT AREA OF OPERATIONS) PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT FROM CONUS. A LIMITED FIELDING TO UNITS IN THEATER WILL BE EXECUTED IN COORDINATION WITH MARCENT AND PP&O.

3.B. NEW EQUIPMENT TRAINING (NET). TRAINING FOR THE MTV SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY NEW EQUIPMENT TRAINING TEAMS (NETT). NET TRAINING WILL BE ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED BY THE MTV CONTRACTOR AND WILL PROVIDE TRAIN THE TRAINER INSTRUCTION. NET TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-CALL AND INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN TWO HOURS OF NOTIFICATION WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS. USING UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS FOR NET TRAINING ARE MINIMAL TO ENSURE UNITS TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TRAINING OFFERED, AND THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATELY TRAINED MARINES IN USING UNITS TO CONDUCT FOLLOW-ON TRAINING.

3.B.1. ON-SITE TRAINING AT DELIVERY LOCATIONS. THE CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE ON-SITE TRAINING AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NC AND CAMP PENDLETON, CA, TO SUPPORT THE MONTHLY DELIVERIES OF MTVs TO I MEF AND II MEF. ADDITIONALLY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE QUARTERLY TRAINING TO COINCIDE WITH MTV DELIVERIES TO III MEF AT KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII AND OKINAWA, JAPAN. A DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT EACH MEF SHALL COORDINATE ALL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULES DIRECTLY WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND PM ICE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EACH TRAINING EVOLUTION WILL TAKE THREE HOURS.

3.B.2. ON-CALL HELP DESK SUPPORT TO I MEF AND II MEF. THE CONTRACTOR WILL ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ON-SITE HELP DESK

AT BOTH CAMP
 LEJEUNE, NC AND CAMP PENDLETON, CA LOCATIONS FROM 15 FEB 07
 THROUGH 15
 FEB 08. THE HELP DESK WILL OPERATE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 FROM 0730 TO
 1630. DUTIES OF THE ON-SITE HELP DESK SHALL INCLUDE
 PERFORMING "ON-
 CALL" NET TRAINING WITHIN TWO HOURS OF BEING CONTACTED BY
 THE DESIGNATED
 MEF REPRESENTATIVE. THIS ON-SITE HELP DESK WILL ALSO
 PERFORM NET
 TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
 PERFORMING
 REMEDIAL NET TRAINING TO IDENTIFIED UNITS OR PERSONNEL.
 ADDITIONALLY,
 THE HELP DESK WILL ACT AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE
 CONTRACTOR, THE CIF,
 THE MEF'S DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND MARINE
 CORPS SYSTEMS
 COMMAND PERSONNEL FOR MTV DELIVERIES AND TRAINING
 COORDINATION. ON-CALL
 HELP DESK SUPPORT POCS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I MEF POC: MIKE DICICCIO
 3355 MISSION
 AVENUE SUITE #222
 OCEANSIDE, CA 92054
 (954) 826-0486

II MEF POC: LISA QUINLAN OR MIKE ATOYAN
 1941 LEJEUNE BLVD.
 JACKSONVILLE, NC 28546
 (910) 938-4529

III MEF POC: CAPT GUTIERREZ OR MR. SCOTT ADAMS
 PM ICE, MARINE CORPS
 SYSTEMS COMMAND
 PHONE: (703) 432-3324/3323

4. DELIVERY SCHEDULE. THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE MTV IS
 AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	MONTH
QUANTITY	
III MEF	MARCH 2007
1,000	
III MEF (HAWAII)	APRIL 2007
1,200	

II MEF	APRIL 2007
2,800	
I MEF	MAY 2007
3,500	
II MEF	MAY 2007
5,500	
I MEF	JUNE 2007
2,500	
II MEF	JUNE 2007
5,000	
II MEF (FWD)	JUNE 2007
3,500	
I MEF	JULY 2007
2,725	
II MEF	JULY 2007
2,725	
II MEF (FWD)	JULY 2007
1,100	
III MEF	JULY 2007
1,000	
III MEF (HAWAII)	JULY 2007
1,200	
I MEF	AUGUST 2007
4,000	
II MEF	AUGUST 2007
4,000	
III MEF	AUGUST 2007
500	
MARCENT	AUGUST 2007
250	
II MEF	SEPTEMBER 2007
7,750	
III MEF	SEPTEMBER 2007
1,000	
I MEF	OCTOBER 2007
7,750	
III MEF	OCTOBER 2007
1,000	

**NOTE-COMMANDS SHOULD ANTICIPATE PHYSICAL RECEIPT OF MTVs
IN THE EARLY
PART OF THE MONTH AFTER PRODUCTION.

5. ACCOUNTING.

5.A. A TAMCN WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR THE MTV AND ACCOUNTED
FOR AS A TYPE I

ITEM PER MCO P4400.150E. A TAMCN HAS BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH THE TOTAL FORCE STRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TFSMS) BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED. TAMCN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MTV ITEMS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FOLLOW-ON MESSAGE. CATALOGING ACTIONS FOR MTV ITEMS ARE COMPLETE; NSNs ARE LISTED BELOW:

NSN	NOMENCLATURE	SIZE	UNIT OF ISSUE
8470-01-547-5919	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	XS	EA
8470-01-547-5950	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	S	EA
8470-01-547-5938	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	M	EA
8470-01-547-5949	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	L	EA
8470-01-547-5954	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	XL	EA

5.B. THE FOLLOWING TARIFF SIZES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE MTV:

NSN	NOMENCLATURE	SIZE
TARRIF %		
8470-01-547-5919	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	XS
1%		
8470-01-547-5950	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	S
12%		
8470-01-547-5938	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	M
53%		
8470-01-547-5949	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	L
31%		
8470-01-547-5954	MODULAR TACTICAL VEST	XL
3%		

5.C. MATERIAL DEFECTS REPORTING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR ALL FIT, FORM, OR FUNCTION DISCREPENCIES IAW STANDARD QUALITY DEFICIENCY REPORTING (PQDR) PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN TM 4700-15/1 AND MCO 4855.10.

5.D. TRANSPORTATION DISCREPANCIES ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHIPPER WILL BE REPORTED IAW DOD 4500.9-R USING SF361 (TRANSPORTATION DISCREPANCY REPORTING).

5.E. DISCREPANCIES IDENTIFIED AS BEING PACKAGING PROBLEMS ATTRIBUTED TO THE MANUFACTURER SHALL BE REPORTED IAW SECNAVINST 4355.18 USING SF364 (SUPPLY DISCREPANCY REPORTING).

6. SUSTAINMENT. PM ICE WILL COORDINATE WITH THE CIFS TO PROCURE REQUIRED REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THE VENDOR'S GSA CATALOG.

7. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS. SERVICE LIFE INSPECTION CRITERIA FOR THE MTV IS THE SAME AS THE OTV SINCE BOTH USE THE SAME SOFT ARMOR TECHNOLOGIES. REPAIR AND DISPOSE OF THE MTV IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE OTV AS PER ARMY TECHNICAL MANUAL 10-8400-203-23, GENERAL REPAIR PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT.

8. CARE INSTRUCTIONS. FOLLOW MANUFACTURERS CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING EACH MTV.

9. SAFETY CONCERNS.

9.A. THE MTV INCORPORATES MANY NEW FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES THAT PREVIOUSLY FIELDDED BODY ARMOR SYSTEMS DO NOT POSSESS. DUE TO THE INHERENT LIFE SAVING FEATURES OF THE MTV, IT IS CRITICAL THAT MARINES RECEIVE THE NEW EQUIPMENT TRAINING PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. ADDITIONALLY, THE MTV DOES NOT FIT THE SAME AS THE OTV AND TIME WILL BE ALLOCATED DURING NETT FOR THE INSTRUCTORS TO CHECK PROPER FIT AND ENSURE EVERYONE IS 100% FIT/ADJUSTED.

9.B. THE MTV IS A PROTECTIVE VEST WORN OVER CLOTHING FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FRAGMENTATION AND SMALL ARMS THREATS. THE MTV IS CAPABLE OF DEFEATING SMALL ARMS THREATS UP TO 9MM PROJECTILES. THE MTV INTEGRATES

ESAPI AND SIDE-SAPI TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF SMALL ARMS PROTECTION TO 7.62MM CAPABILITIES. THE MTV HAS A REMOVABLE COLLAR, THROAT PROTECTOR, AND GROIN PROTECTOR. WEBBING ON THE FRONT OF THE MTV ALLOWS FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF POUCHES FROM THE MODULAR LIGHTWEIGHT LOAD CARRYING EQUIPMENT. THE MTV ALSO HAS SIDE VENTILATION FLAPS FOR COMFORT AND FIT.

9.C. WHILE THE MTV IS NOT DESIGNED TO BE FLAME RESISTANT IT WILL PROVIDE FLASH PROTECTION EQUAL TO THAT CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE OUTER TACTICAL VEST.

10. ACTION.

10.A. INITIAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE. REQUEST III MEF IDENTIFY THE UNIT THAT WILL RECEIVE THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 1,000 MTV'S IN MAR 2007, NLT 27 FEB 2007.

10.B. MARCENT IDENTIFIED THE PRIORITY OF FIELDING TO EACH OF THE MEFS IN PARA 4.B. REQUEST THE MEFS IDENTIFY THEIR PRIORITY OF FIELDING TO EACH MEF UNIT. IN ADDITION, REQUEST THE MEFS DESIGNATE A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO COORDINATE ALL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, LOCATIONS, AND SCHEDULES DIRECTLY WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND PM ICE NLT 09 MAR 07. THE INTENT IS TO PROVIDE NET TRAIN BASED ON MEF FIELDING PRIORITIES.

10.C. REQUEST DIRECT LIAISON COORDINATION BETWEEN PM ICE, ON-SITE HELP DESK PERSONNEL AND SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., MEF'S, MSC'S, BN'S, ETC.) FOR MTV FIELDING AND TRAINING.//